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PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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<b>Joseph C. CAUTHEN</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: <b>10/075,615</b>	)	Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
	)	
Filed: <b>February 15, 2002</b>	)	
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For: <b>SPINAL DISC ANNULUS</b>	)	Confirmation No.: 2841
<b>RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND</b>	)	
<b>SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT</b>	)	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed February 18, 2005, for which a response is due March 18, 2005.

Applicant has corrected the status identifiers for each claim and submits herewith the Amendments to the Claims section in its entirety.